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EXAMINER'S ANSWER


This is in response to the Reply brief filed October 15, 2002.

The Reply Brief has been noted. The Structure disclosed for appellants means plus function is a sensor that senses the position of the landing gear and this is disclosed by Bell and the landing gear is a true indication of landing or takeoff needed by Makhonine. Appellant ignores the level of ordinary skill which is established by Makhonine and Bell and it does not require any more than obvious application Makhonine's substitution of automatic means for Bell's description of manually adjusting the fuel position.

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